Module title	Abbreviation
Ancient Near Eastern Texts: the 1st Millennium A	04-AO-AOT1A-152-m01

Module coordinator	Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies	Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)	
15	numerical grade	--	

Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--

Contents

The module is dedicated to reading non-literary ancient Near Eastern texts of the 1st millennium BC, in particular letters, legal documents, administrative documents, royal inscriptions and historiographical texts, but also ancient Near Eastern scientific texts (medical, mathematical etc.) or ritual texts from the context of the temple cult. Emphasis is placed upon reading Akkadian cuneiform texts from the various regions of the ancient Near East in the 1st millennium BC (especially Babylonia and Assyria); texts of the 1st millennium BC in other ancient Near Eastern languages (e. g. hieroglyphic Luwian, Old Aramaic or Old Persian inscriptions) may also be read. The linguistic form and the historical background of the texts read, including questions concerning the history of law, society, science and ideas, will be explained and discussed in class.

Intended learning outcomes

The student will acquire a comprehensive overview of the tradition of ancient Near Eastern documental texts of the 1st millennium BC.
He/she will gain deeper knowledge of selected text groups and their historical backgrounds, including political questions as well as questions about the history of law, society, sciences and ideas.
The student will have a good reading knowledge of the major dialects of Akkadian in the 1st millennium BC. Optionally, knowledge of non-Akkadian texts of the 1st millennium BC may also be acquired.
The student will be able to transliterate and translate the texts assigned or read in class and to comment on both their content and form.
He/she will acquire the ability to transliterate, translate and classify (with regard to content) more difficult Akkadian texts of the 1st millennium BC beyond the class curriculum with the help of dictionaries and sign lists.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Module taught in: German and/or English

Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 90 minutes)
Language of assessment: German and/or English

Allocation of places

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Additional information

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Workload

450 h

Teaching cycle

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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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Module appears in

Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015)

Master's degree (1 major) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015)
Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2016)
Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2020)
Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2023)
Master's degree (1 major) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2023)
Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2023)